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“AHCCCS Awards Managed Care Contracts”

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Announces Award of Contracts for its Acute Care Program.

(Phoenix, Arizona) May 13, 2008- AHCCCS has awarded eight managed care organizations contracts to provide acute care services to low-income families with children, pregnant women, children under 18, and disabled people who are enrolled in Arizona's State Medicaid program. Twelve managed care organizations bid to be contractors, seven of which bid for statewide contracts.

Currently, nearly 900,000 Arizona residents are enrolled in the AHCCCS Acute Care program at an annual cost of over \$3.0 billion. An individual must meet the income requirement of 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to qualify for AHCCCS acute care benefits, which currently equals \$867 per month per individual or \$1767 per month for a family of four. AHCCCS members are covered for medical care, including doctor's office visits, hospitalization, prescriptions, lab work, and behavioral health services. AHCCCS is viewed as a national model for its success in managing a high quality, cost effective Managed Care Medicaid System.

“I was pleased with the number and quality of the managed care companies that submitted proposals to serve AHCCCS members as acute care health plans,” says Anthony Rodgers, Director of AHCCCS. “This is additional proof of the outstanding reputation of Arizona’s acute care program.”

Proposals were evaluated based on organizational capability and experience, provider network capacity and management, program services and quality management, and cost to deliver care. Contracts are awarded for five years beginning October 1, 2008.

Contracts were awarded to the following companies in the following Geographic Service Areas

(GSA):

GSA	Contractors
Yuma and La Paz Counties	Arizona Physicians IPA Health Choice Arizona
Apache, Coconino, Mohave and Navajo Counties	Phoenix Health Plan Health Choice Arizona
Yavapai County	Phoenix Health Plan Bridgeway Health Solutions
Gila/Pinal County Pima	Phoenix Health Plan, University Family Care University Family Care Health Choice Arizona Phoenix Health Plan Arizona Physicians IPA
Santa Cruz	University Physicians Health Choice Arizona
Maricopa County	Maricopa Health Plan Health Choice Arizona Mercy Care Plan Care 1 st Health Plan Arizona Phoenix Health Plan Arizona Physicians IPA
Cochise, Graham and Greenlee Counties	University Family Care Mercy Care Plan

AHCCCS is Arizona's Medicaid program, designed to deliver quality health care under cutting-edge concepts of managed care. Over the years, independent evaluations repeatedly have praised the program's effectiveness. AHCCCS has received national acclaim as a model for other Medicaid programs and the approach has been recommended to other states by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the federal agency that oversees AHCCCS. AHCCCS receives federal, state and county funds to operate, including some money from Arizona's tobacco tax.